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WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Work assigned to Anganwadi Workers
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anganwadi workers are being assigned work to impart education upto primary level in some States;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits accrued therefrom;
(c) whether the Union Government proposes to hold talks with the State Governments in this regard and its implementation thereto; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) to (d) Aaganwadi Workers (AWWs) are imparting Pre-School Education (PSE)/ Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) as one of the six free services through 13.50 Lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located across the country under the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme. National Early Childhood Care and Education policy was formulated and notified in October 2013. The vision of National ECCE policy is to achieve holistic development and active learning capacity of all children below 6 years of age by promoting free, universal, inclusive, equitable, joyful and contextualized opportunities for laying foundation and attaining full potential. Pre-School Education under ICDS envisages to improve pathways for a successful and smooth transition from care and education provided at home to centre based ECCE and thereafter to primary school. The public channel, ICDS is the largest service provider of ECCE. About 3.50 crore children (3-6 years of age group) are beneficiaries of PSE under ICDS. The scheme is implemented by the States/UTs and the implementation is reviewed from time to time by the Ministry of Women and Child Development with the States/UTs. The last review meeting was held during National Conference of State/UT in New Delhi on 13.07.2016.
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